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Our **Celebrate Valentine's with Us** Dinner was delicious.

Our small but enthusiastic crowd enjoyed a turkey dinner. Dinner included dressing, potatoes, peas, corn and carrots. We were treated to a slice of DQ Ice cream cake to compliment the great seasonal dessert created by Linda Code.

The ice cream cake was donated by Bernie Davis to celebrate her husband Jim's birthday. Thanks Bernie, we all enjoyed it.

Linda put a lot of time and effort into putting the dinner together. We want to thank Glenda Simmons for the fabulous decorating. It was left up for the Wed night euchre players to enjoy for the rest of Feb.

Mikaela stumped some of the participants with her Valentines Trivia questions. The answers to some of the twenty questions was surprising. The team with the most points received prizes.

We awarded three door prize winners as well. Tom Kott won a basket of goodies. Paul Aggett and Lorne Buckingham each won a ticket to the St. Patrick's Day Breakfast in March.

Thank you to all that attended. We love to see your smiling faces and hungry tummies.

Found this ... Can our readers tell us where and who this was?

I was searching www.newspapers.com (free online access on Family Day weekend) for any mention of my family surnames. Took a minute and looked for anything that mentioned Irondale Ontario.

I came across this article in the Toronto Star, page 26 of the 29 May 1926 issue. Anybody have location, photos or family names belonging to this location?

WOULD like paying guest for summer months. Uphill Farm, Haliburton county, terms reasonable. Write Box 5, Irondale, Ontario.

St. Patty's Day Breakfast

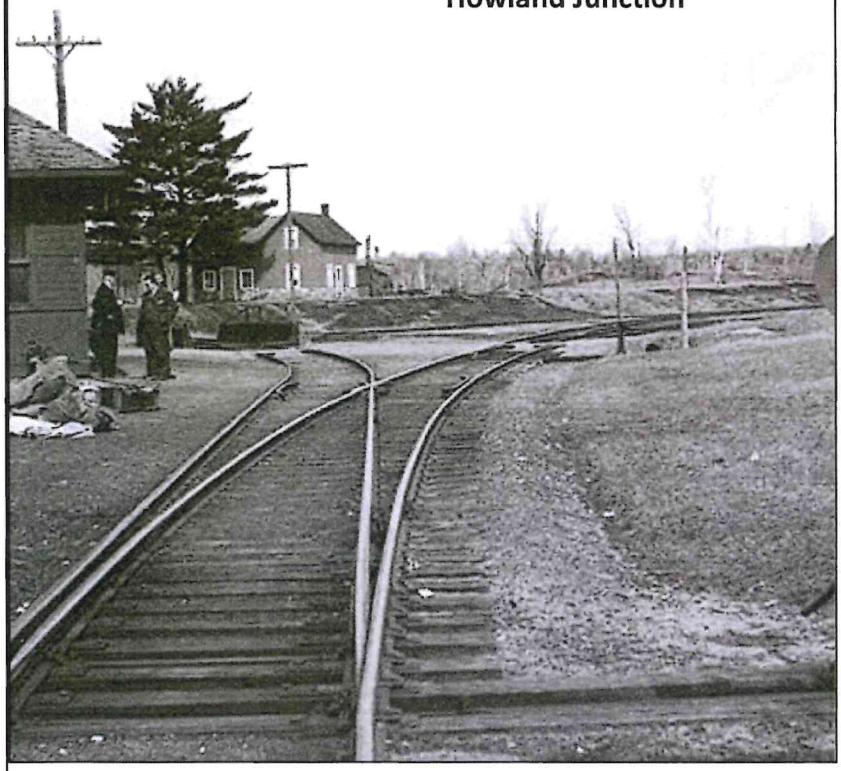
We celebrated the Irish in our backgrounds and in our area with a community breakfast. Our guests chose what they wished to have from the various menu items. The menu offered the 'Howland', 'Pusey' and 'Miner' dishes with oodles of options for sides.

Thanks to Tim Yano, Haliburton Echo for the photos.

Our work is often like watching an iceberg.
People only see what is visible.
Beneath the surface, day in and day out,
we are consistently doing something to save Irondale's history.

We learned that Joyce Brown was under the weather in January. We sure hope she is up and around by this time.

Howland Junction



The Howland train station was in front of the house. (station can be seen on the left of the picture) The turntable was between the train station and the house — where the engine was turned around to go back up the IB&O

To the left of the small station building, out of the picture, is the line to Haliburton. Curving off to the right is the IB&O.

Same house, same tree Sept 2016

Howland Junction station

Howland Junction was the spot where the Great IB&O met the Victoria Railway. Since this was the southern terminus of the IB&O, a turntable was constructed to turn around the engine around for the trip back north.

Turntables - the earliest ones were hand-powered, which meant they used muscle power to turn a huge, heavy locomotive in a 360°circle. These turntables were so well balanced, the engine & fuel tender car could be turned by a couple of railway crew members. The engine would be unhooked from the rest of the train, turned on the turntable then rehooked to the rest of the train and away it went. The rest of the train did not have to be turned around, there were hook ups for the engine at both ends.

Story and pictures courtesy of Maryboro Lodge Museum in Fenelon, ON and Guy Scott of Kinmount.

We would love to have you join us at one (or more) of these events.

Sunday April 7 — Mother's Day Tea ... celebrating Mom's a month early! Irondale Community Centre $25 pp

Sunday June 2 First Church Service of the season. 10am—come as you are.

IRONDALE's WeLCOMe BACK SPRiNG FLiNG

Welcome Back! Our Spring Fling on Saturday June 8, 11am - 4pm We are honouring Father's Day - dad gets something extra when his family eats at our BBQ. No admission charge at this event

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Laughter is good for the soul

#12 - Serenity Raven-Wolf

When I was in my younger days,
I weighed a few pounds less,
I needn't hold my tummy in
to wear a belted dress.
But now that I am older,
I've set my body free:
There's the comfort of elastic
where once my waist would be.
Inventor of those high-heeled shoes
my feet have not forgiven:
I have to wear a nine now,
but used to wear a seven.
And how about those pantyhose -
They're sized by weight, you see,
so how come when I put them on
the crotch is at my knee?
I need to wear these glasses
as the print's been getting smaller:
And it wasn't very long ago
I know that I was taller.
Though my hair has turned to gray
And my skin no longer fits;
On the inside, I'm the same old me,
It's the outside's changed a bit.

SerenityRavenWolf.com

Patricia's Trivia — Test Your Brain Cells

1. What element is No. 1 on the periodic table of elements?
2. What therapy involves applying pressure to the feet to improve health?
3. What hockey star scored a record 61 goals and 92 assists in a 51-game span?
4. Who wrote the novels 'Slaughterhouse Five' and 'Breakfast of Champions'?
5. Where is the major metropolis of Taipei located?
6. What are two birthstones for the month of May?
7. What are there 604,800 of in one week of time?
8. What actor played Harry Potter in the Harry Potter film series?
9. Who was the first woman to co-anchor a US evening network newscast in 1976?

Answers found elsewhere in this issue.

Did you know...

... for some First Nations, February is considered the Bear Moon? After a long winter's nap, the cubs begin to get restless. The mother bear sends the cubs outside. If the weather is mild, the cubs will stay out to play. If the weather is cold, the cubs go back inside.

Ojibwe hunters and other non-hibernating animals would watch for signs in nature of when spring was coming. They would remember where to find the bear dens for the winter and they would return at this time (February) in winter to look for signs of bear cubs playing in the snow.

No foot prints in the snow – longer winter. Many prints in the snow – short winter.

Indigenous Family Literacy Circle February 2024 Newsletter
Indigenous Family Literacy Circle
465 Advance Avenue, Napanee, Canada

Favourite Recipe

Bill Scott was a Kinmount grocer and served as MP for Victoria-Haliburton from 1965 to 1993. Bill was well known throughout the region & had a wonderful ability to befriend families. He was great at promoting the village of Kinmount, & spent countless hours building up the Kinmount Fair. Though baking was not something he had a lot of time to do, he did have a favourite recipe for Ginger Cookies.

¾ cup butter or margarine
1 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1 tsp ginger – generous
1 tsp soda
1 tsp cream of tartar
2 cups flour

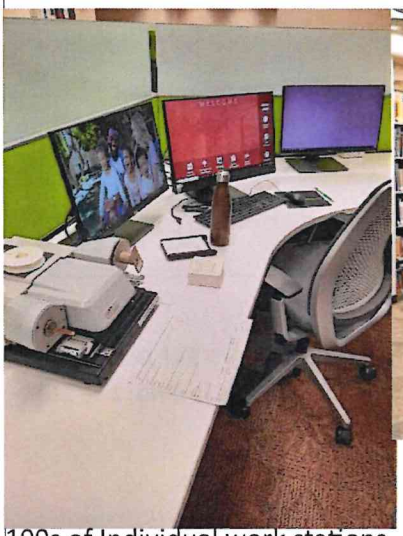
Cream butter and sugar, and add beaten egg.
Sift flour, ginger, soda and cream of tartar 4 times and mix.
Roll small quantity like a ball.
Criss-cross with a fork on an ungreased cookie sheet.
Bake 6 or 7 minutes or until a golden shade.

Submit your family's favourite recipe—historical@IrondaleOntario.ca

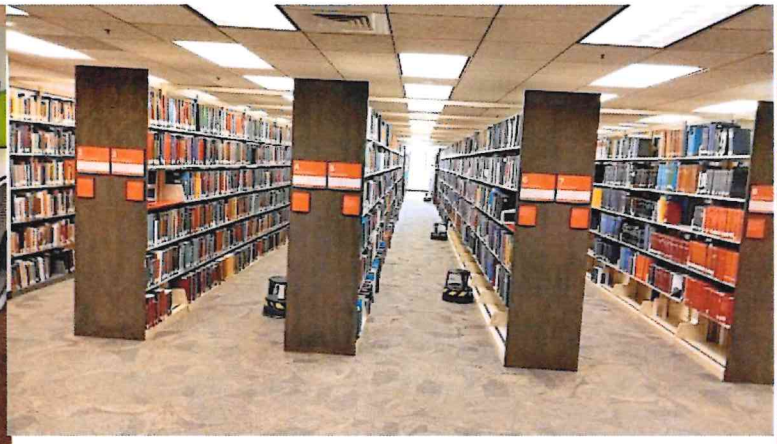
Genealogists – professional and amateur alike – know that the **Family History Library** (FHL) in Salt Lake City, Utah, is a phenomenal repository of genealogical records. Indeed, the FHL is considered the largest genealogical library in the world. Owned and operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the library boasts some impressive statistics:

- over 340,000 unique books
- access to 1,386,000+ films, 197,000 microfiche & hundreds of CDs
- 18,460 maps from around the world
- over 500,000 free genealogy books, family histories, maps & yearbooks
- free access to billions of online records
- and countless contractually restricted materials only available in the FHL. In addition, the library has 45 full-time and part-time staff, 550 full-and part-time volunteers, 550 internet computers, and 1200 microfilm and microfiche readers. The library is free for everyone.

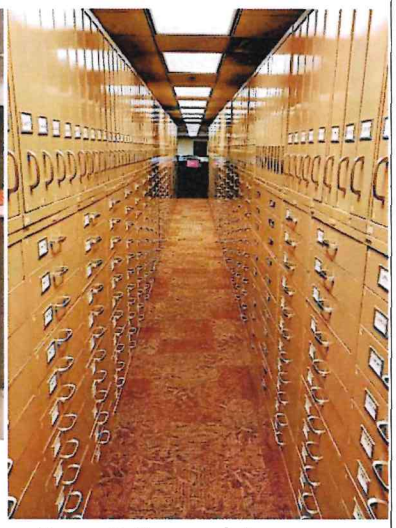
(Permission—Susan J Court as well as Kentucky Genealogical Society)



100s of Individual work stations



Rows and rows of research books for every possible place



Rows & Rows of drawers containing microfilm reels

Everything these days …

Costs are rising

Printing and postage costs are going up as is everything else these days. If you are receiving your newsletter by Canada Post, please consider sending us $20 a year towards those costs. Works out to a little more than $3 per issue.

At some point we will be culling our newsletter list. Those we never see or hear from may very well be dropped. Sorry, we must be mindful of our spending.

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**Editor's Note

Just returned in February from a week in Salt Lake City, Utah with Ancestor Seekers. It had been on my bucket list for a long time.

I cracked a few 'brickwalls' in my research, learned a few new ways/places to use for research and spent a week in conversations with like minded enthusiasts.

Patricia's Trivia Answers — How did you do?

1) Hydrogen, 2) Reflexology, 3) Wayne Gretzky, 4) Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. 5) Taiwan, 6) Emerald & Agate, 7) Seconds, 8) Daniel Radcliffe, 9) Barbara Walters

The War of the Nickel Bar

Protesting a sixty per cent hike in the cost of chocolate bars, kids across the country mounted the *bonbon* barricades

On April 25,1947, a call to arms resounded across Canada following the relaxation of wartime price controls, when chocolate manufacturers raised the price of chocolate bars by sixty percent. The sleepy Vancouver Island towns of Chemainus and Ladysmith erupted into battlefields, as the children of war-weary veterans bandied together for cheaper candy and descended upon confectioners armed with placards bearing slogans like "Don't be a sucker. Don't buy eight-cent bars!"

This adolescent war cry reverberated all the way east to Fredericton, New Brunswick, as kids arose with a unified voice demanding the return of the nickel bar. For ten days, these young dissenters captured front-page headlines and the hearts of adults, as they defied rampant inflation and manufacturers they regarded as ruthless. The Regina Leader-Post dubbed the eight-cent-bar protest "a symbol for all excessive prices."

Newspaper editorials questioned the integrity of the manufacturers after a deluge of eight-cent chocolate bars flooded a market that had been bar barren before the price surge. Even empathetic confectioners supported the movement, refusing to stock eight-cent bars and selling their existing stock at a loss for five cents.

Along with the media, the eight-cent-chocolate-bar protest won the support of numerous youth organizations, including the National Federation of Labour Youth, which boasted seven thousand members nationwide. While the public rallied around the disgruntled kids, chocolate manufacturers grappled desperately to restore their crumbling public image by battling their opponents through the daily newspapers. They insisted that the loss of war contracts, elimination of cocoa bean subsidies, and rising costs in labour, packaging, and ingredients had increased manufacturing costs by over 165 percent, necessitating the sixty percent price increase. Meanwhile, cagey confectioners moved their chocolate goods from beneath the glass counters onto the countertops, desperately trying to mitigate the eighty percent slump in chocolate-bar sales. Some strikers succumbed to this ploy, bought bars, and lost friends.

Five days after the initial protest, Victoria's staid legislature ground to a halt when two hundred schoolchildren stormed the hallways demanding five-cent chocolate bars. On the other side of the nation, in Fredericton, protesters satiated their need for chocolate by pooling sugar rations to make communal batches of fudge. A decisive battle was set for May 3 in every major city across Canada. Excitement mounted amongst the hopeful protesters as they busily painted placards, shined whistles, polished bicycles, and copied petition forms.

But the postwar anti-communist hysteria, which Senator Joseph McCarthy would bring to its apex in the U.S. in the early 1950s, was already breeding in the Canada of 1947. Under the headline "Reds Seen Duping Youth in 8-Cent Bar Campaign," the Toronto Telegram claimed the day before the scheduled protest that "Chocolate bars and a world revolution may seem poles apart but to the devious Communist mind there is a close relationship." The article alleged that the National Federation of Labour Youth, which gave the protest its powerful thrust, was a communist-front organization that had infiltrated the protest "to foment any kind of strife since that is the party line ... and to gain the confidence of at least a proportion of the strikers and plant a few of the seeds of Marxism."

This bloated allegation achieved its desired affect by dissolving the public support the protesters had previously enjoyed. Suddenly parents, priests, and public officials phoned youth organizations to denounce the protest and demand the groups call it off. Numerous groups, frightened by the communist allegations and cowed by public reproach, rescinded their support. The National Federation of Labour Youth was effectively destroyed.

On battle day, a few sheepish protesters marched, but the vaporization of public support had deflated the movement. In Victoria, one of the heaviest battlefronts, a handful of well-groomed children quietly marched through downtown Victoria, obediently pausing at intersections to avoid obstructing traffic. And so the movement ebbed, and the demoralized children, bowled over by unsubstantiated accusations, surrendered to the insatiable demands of inflation. One week after the protest, the groups that had marched vowed they would stage no more demonstrations because communists had moved in.

Kids on bikes and on strike... signs say "Be helpful, don't buy 8 cent bars" and "Go on strike."
Photo from Edmonton Journal

Written by Yanick LeClerc — Posted May 9, 2017

with heartfelt sympathy

Since the last issue we learned we lost members members of our community.

On December 30, 2023
John Poyner
John owned / operated
Jacks Contracting
~ ~ ~

On March 17, 2024
Lee Dexter Swanton
Son of Margaret Swanton, brother of Christine Hancock, Carol Walker and predeceased by Robert & Glen

"Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts"

Susie's Musings

If you remember anything of me, after I leave this world, remember t that I loved even when it was foolish. That I cared even when it was unwanted. When my body is gone, remember my heart.

At the end of the day, what rally matters is that your loved ones are well, you've done your best, and that you are thankful for all you have.

Have patience with yourself. Nobody ever got better overnight. You'll get wherever you need to be in time. Remember that every day that you survive is a step forward, and you have survived many tough days that you thought wouldn't pass. Be proud of yourself and keep going.

Never lose hope because even the smallest amount of light can get you through the darkest days.

No one has the right to judge you because no one really knows what you have been through. They might have heard the stories but they didn't feel the way you felt in your heart.

Worry about your character, not your reputation. Your character is who you are, your reputation is who people think you are.

Sooner or later the clouds will clear, the storm will end and you will see the rainbow again.

To that one soul reading this—I know you are tired, you're fed up, you are so close to breaking but there is strength within you—even when you feel weak. Keep fighting.

We understand that Joyce Brown is recuperating from a fall. Our thoughts are with you as you recover.

Just Another Job: A Short Documentary of George Jackett's Memories of Digging the Fenelon Lock

Sixty years ago this summer, Fenelon Falls celebrated the opening of a new lock that connected Cameron Lake to Sturgeon Lake. The original Fenelon locks were built between 1882 and 1887. They were not actually functional until 1894, because of litigation between the Grand Trunk Railway and the Canadian Government, over who should pay to convert the existing fixed railway bridge into the swing bridge that stands to this day. Originally Fenelon Falls had two connected locks to overcome the height of the falls. It also required a swing bridge on the village's main street, because the water level was high enough that boats could not pass with it closed—which created a bottleneck for busy summer traffic.

By the 1960s, with the availability of steel lock gates and concrete, it was feasible to construct a single lock that could raise boats from the height of Sturgeon Lake to Cameron Lake. Just to reconstruct the lock was a huge undertaking. At the same time, the Federal Government decided to radically redesign Fenelon's Island. Many private and government buildings had been constructed on a 99-year lease, but when it expired, the Federal Government decided not to renew it. Instead, it was redeveloped as greenspace, with a new, larger lock station on the opposite side of the canal. In a little over a decade, almost everything that had been situated on the island ceased to exist—at the community's focal point.

When the federal government rebuilt the Fenelon Lock, Wilf Jackett was subcontracted to do the excavation. Over two winters, his son, George, and Garnet Harrison excavated the lock pit, as the company hauled load after load of material from the lock put, driving their trucks up an aggregate ramp. After countless hours of work, George and Garnet dug out the lock, which allowed the new locks to be constructed. In this short documentary, George Jackett, now 86, but still operating heavy equipment every day, recalls his experiences of digging the Fenelon Lock. George can remember larger excavation jobs, but excavating the Fenelon Lock was in a very public location. While it seemed like everyone else was taking an interest in the spectacular job he was doing, to George (true to his honest, hard-working nature), it was Just Another Job.

For the full story see: https://maryboro.ca/story/george-jackett-remembers-digging-the-fenelon-lock/

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THE ECHO HALIBURTON COUNTY — The Times MINDEN ONTARIO — County Life Celebrating arts and culture in the Haliburton Highlands

~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

These are tentative dates - depends on state of pandemic and rental of community centres.
Please be sure to check the appropriate website and/or Facebook pages to get up to date information

2023	Unless otherwise noted - Tickets available online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438
Sun. Apr 7	**Mother's Day Tea** We can't wait for May. We are celebrating Mother's everywhere today. Fancy sandwiches, homemade scones, delightful desserts. $25 per person *B.L.C.D. event*
Sat. May 11	**Dinner** held at the Goode[illegible] CANCELLED [illegible]pen 5pm. Dinner at 6pm. Menu still to be planned. [illegible]pp *B.L.C.D. event*
Sun. Jun 2	First Church Service of the season. 10am—come as you are. Refreshments and conversation served after the service.
Sat. Jun 8	Welcome Back! We are celebrating with our **Spring Fling**. 11am - 4pm We are honouring Father's Day - dad gets something extra when his family eats at our BBQ. Vendors, displays, tours 1019 Elm Rd - property of Irondale's historical church. NO ADMISSION CHARGED. *B.L.C.D. event*
Sat. July 6	**Concert on the Lake** - Great music from the comfort of your own boat, canoe or paddleboard. Music starts at 6:30pm Tickets available in advance. Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sat. July 20	**To Be Decided —Dinner & Loonie Auction— The organizers have committed to participate in other means of fundraising—every weekend in July—so this may not happen**
Sat. Aug 3 Sun. Aug 4	Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's AGM , Canoe Race, BBQ & Children's Games on SUNDAY check www.sdlca.ca for up to date information.
Sat. Sept 21	**Harvest Festival** - We celebrate the fall season with BBQ, Bake Sale, vendors, contests and more 11am – 4pm on the heritage property at 1019 Elm Rd FREE ADMISSION *B.L.C.D. event*
Sat. Nov 2 to Mon. Nov 11	**Service, Courage & Sacrifice -** 10am to 4pm each day - a display of flags of those brave individuals associated with Irondale, that served Canada in various aspects of war. Wander the grounds in remembrance, visit indoor displays of military memorabilia. New flags & displays from last year!
Sun. Nov 3	**"In the Footsteps of Heroes" at 1pm**. Presented by Belinda Wilson—a 15-day trip through Northern France and Belgium, exploring Canadian battlefields, memorials and cemeteries from both World Wars....photos, stories and songs to take the audience on a journey through time and tears.
Sat. Nov 9	Traditional way to end the season ... Dinner at the Irondale Community Centre. Menu has yet to be planned. Doors open at 5, Dinner at 5:30. $25 per person *B.L.C.D. event*

Volunteerism is ... The rent we pay to live in a good community